

Molbog language

Molbog is an Austronesian language spoken in the Philippines and Sabah, Malaysia. Majority of speakers are concentrated at the southernmost tip of the Philippine province of Palawan, specifically the municipalities of Bataraza and Balabac. Both municipalities are considered as bastions for environmental conservation in the province. The majority of Molbog speakers are Muslims.

The classification of Molbog is controversial.^[3] Thiessen (1981) groups Molbog with the Palawanic languages, based on shared phonological and lexical innovations.^[4] This classification is supported by Smith (2017).^[5] An alternative view is taken by Lobel (2013), who puts Molbog together with Bonggi in a Molbog-Bonggi subgroup.^[6]

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Molbog	
Native to	Philippines, Sabah
Native speakers	(6,700 in the Philippines cited 1990) ^[1]
Language family	Austronesian <ul style="list-style-type: none">Malayo-Polynesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">Philippine<ul style="list-style-type: none">Greater Central Philippine<ul style="list-style-type: none">Palawanic (?)<ul style="list-style-type: none">Molbog
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	pwm
Glottolog	molb1237 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/molb1237) ^[2]

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